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Celebrate National Library Week @your library™ April 6-12

National Library Week was established 45 years ago to celebrate libraries and reading and to encourage use of the many services libraries provide. In addition to regularly scheduled programs at the Morton Grove Public Library, you are invited to attend any or all of the special events planned for the week of April 6-12 to celebrate National Library Week:

- Sunday at 2 pm: Dayna Malow in Concert
- Wednesday at 7 pm: Computer Class: Excel, Part 1, page 2
- Thursday at 7 pm: Meet Jack Eadon, author of *Got to Make It*, page 3
- Saturday at 2 pm: Chicago Voice Exchange
  3 pm: Open House to Honor Retiring Staff Member Joan Gross
  3 - 4 pm: Cat Catalani Sings *A Feast of Songs for All Ages*
  4 - 5 pm: Chuck Rothschild Creates Balloon Animals

Dayna Malow in Concert

Sunday, April 6, 2 pm

Dayna Malow

Kicking off National Library Week, Chicago-based vocalist and composer Dayna Malow and her acoustic quartet will perform a concert of folk and pop originals on Sunday, April 6, at 2 pm. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 1:00 pm.

Chicago Voice Exchange

Saturday, April 12, 2 pm.

Chicago Voice Exchange

This award-winning musical group performs contemporary and classic songs *a capella*, mixing rich vocal harmonies with comic flair. Their unique and winning style has been a hit at political conventions, Chicago baseball games, and many other venues. Beginning Monday, March 24, call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Children's Department desk to register.

Open House Sat., April 12, 3-5 pm

Honoring Joan Gross

Joan Gross

Joan Gross, Head of Children's Services, is retiring after thirty years of service to the Library and to Morton Grove Library users. Join us at an Open House in her honor; come to the Children's Room after the Chicago Voice Exchange concert and enjoy the performances of featured entertainers and light refreshments from 3-5 pm. Please turn to page 4 for more about Joan.

A Feast of Songs for All Ages: 3-4 pm

Cat Catalani

Singer and guitarist Cat Catalani will perform original pieces inspired by the Harry Potter books, songs about fun and food, and renditions of popular standards by the Gershwins, Hoagy Carmichael, and Duke Ellington.

Chucko the Balloon Guy: 4-5 pm

Chuck Rothschild of *Permission Laughter* will make souvenir balloon animals and perform entertaining magic tricks in the Children's Room.

Introduction to Computers

Saturdays, March 1 & 8, at 10 am

Jennifer Didier of Knowledge Alliance will discuss different types of personal computers on the market today, the information flow process, components of a computer and categories of hardware and software. In the second session, March 8, at 10 am, Ms. Didier will discuss monitors, printers, scanners, and modems as well as an overview of the Internet and the uses of a PC in a business environment. Note: this is *not* a hands-on class. Registration applies to both sessions; no separate registration will be taken for the second session. Please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Tips and Tricks for Online Genealogical Searching

Thursday, March 6, 7 pm

Are you a family historian or genealogist? The Library is pleased to announce the addition of a unique database to assist your quest for information. HeritageQuest Online offers census records, local history and genealogies. Join Colleen Ringel, Reference Librarian and genealogy expert, on Thursday, March 6, at 7 pm, as she explains the tips and tricks of using HeritageQuest to find your ancestors in the census, or a book written by or about your ancestors. Registration is required; call 847-965-4220 or sign up at the Reference Services Desk. HeritageQuest is one of many remote access resources provided by the Library. You can access this genealogy database from your home or office computer at www.webrary.org/ref/remotedb.html. HeritageQuest is in the "Miscellaneous" section of this webpage.

An experienced genealogist has volunteered to assist others in finding information about their families' histories, and will be available to help with genealogical searches once a month at the Library, on an appointment basis. For one-to-one help, call Nancy Brothers at 847-965-4220 for an appointment.

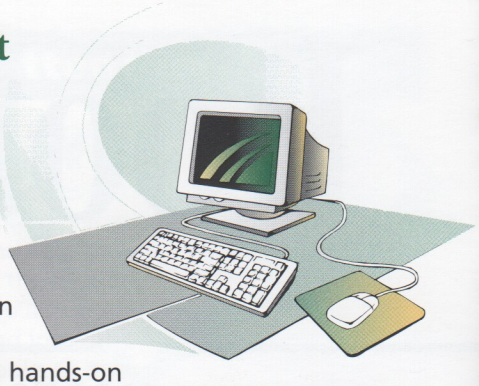
Famous Chicago Women Presented by Suzanne Hales

Suzanne Hales, book dramatist

Sunday, March 2, at 2 pm

March is Women's History Month; celebrate with a trip to Chicago's colorful past on Sunday, March 2, at 2 pm. Dressed in authentic period costumes, Suzanne Hales will portray several of Chicago's finest women and one who can be described as notorious. Based on biographies, Suzanne will showcase the lives of Edith Rockefeller McCormick, Mrs. Potter Palmer, Jane Addams, and one of Chicago's infamous madams, Minna Everleigh. Doors open at 1 pm. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Using Microsoft Word 2000



Wednesdays, March 12 & 19, at 7 pm

Jennifer Didier of Knowledge Alliance will present a lecture/demonstration on the basics of Microsoft Word. Note: this is *not* a hands-on course. Registration applies to both sessions; no separate registration will be taken for the second session. Please call 847-965-4220 or sign up at the Reference Services Desk.

Introduction to Excel

Wednesdays, April 2 & 9, at 7 pm

Learn how to use Excel, a spreadsheet and analysis program for managing data. Jennifer Didier of Knowledge Alliance will present Excel basics in two sessions: Wednesday, April 2, and Wednesday, April 9, at 7 pm. Note: this is *not* a hands-on course. Registration applies to both sessions; no separate registration will be taken for the second session. Please call 847-965-4220 or sign up at the Reference Services Desk.

Yiddish and Laughter with Rabbi Barry Schechter

Sunday, March 9, at 2 pm

Laugh and learn as Rabbi Barry Schechter tells humorous stories about languages, dialects, and folklore. Rabbi Schechter of Congregation Kol Emeth, was born and raised in London and now lives in Morton Grove. He has been described as "one of Britain's and now America's most skillful Jewish raconteurs" by the international journal *Humor*. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Morton Grove Park District Community Jazz Band Concert

Sunday, March 16, at 2 pm

Ron Surace directs the Morton Grove Park District Community Jazz Band, a 17-piece group that has been performing jazz with a big band sound for many years. The Band will perform some new compositions, as well as many jazz favorites. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors open at 1 pm. Light refreshments will be served following the concert.

The Holocaust: My Experiences During the War Years

Sunday, April 27, at 2 pm

Adam Starkopf tells the miraculous story of how his family survived Nazi-occupied Poland by assuming Aryan identities. Starkopf's book, *Will to Live: One Family's Story of Surviving the Holocaust,* recounts the atrocities of the Holocaust, the war and his family's courageous journey to freedom. Join us on Sunday, April 27, at 2 pm, in observance of Holocaust Remembrance Day (4/29).

Book Discussions

Low Vision Book Discussion

Wed., Mar. 12, at 1:30 pm: *One for the Money* by Janet Evanovich

Wed., Apr. 9, at 1:30 pm: *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen

All Booked Up

Thurs., Mar. 20, at 10 am: *The Hours* by Michael Cunningham

Thurs., Apr. 17, at 10 am: *The True History of the Kelly Gang* by Peter Carey

Thinking Out Loud

Tues., Mar. 25, at 7:30 pm: *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara* by David Kertzer

Tues., April 22, at 7:30 pm: *My Antonia* by Willa Cather

Art Exhibits

In March, Julie Foreman exhibits black and white photography of *Street Scenes*, photos taken in Europe and the United States. The photographer's husband, Rabbi Barry Schechter, will be speaking on *Yiddish & Laughter,* Sunday, March 9.

Carol Strauss, a Morton Grove resident, exhibits mosaic masks in the display case of the Lincoln Avenue entry, March 1-31. Mrs. Strauss creates original mosaics using a variety of materials, such as glass, china, and ceramic tiles.

Nature and architecture are the subjects of Ted Blackwelder's photography exhibit, *The Woodland Next Door*, in the Baxter Room during the month of April. Ted's subjects, a red-tailed hawk, blue heron, and wildflowers, were found in local forest preserves and backyards.

The Lincoln Avenue display case features some of the contemporary kaleidoscopes from the collection of Peg and Bob Sabath, April 1-30. See below for information about the Sabaths's presentation.

Scope It Out! The Art and Science of Kaleidoscopes

Thursday, April 24, at 7 pm

Peg and Bob Sabath have been studying and collecting kaleidoscopes for over thirty years. They will discuss the artistry and technical aspects of contemporary kaleidoscopes created by a variety of artists on Thursday, April 24, at 7 pm. Learn how kaleidoscopes are constructed and what makes a masterpiece. Look through different kinds of scopes and marvel at the changing, colorful designs and patterns created by mirrors, glass, and many other materials. Additional kaleidoscopes from the Sabaths' collection will be on display throughout the month of April in the Lincoln Avenue entry display case.

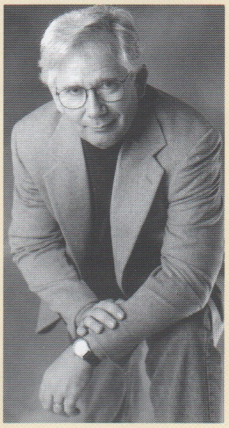
Basic Bookmaking Workshop

Saturday, March 29, at 3 pm

How would you like to make your own book? Kids in grades 1-6 are invited to join Julie Fair of Tender Loving Care Crafts for this exciting, creative workshop on basic bookmaking techniques and the history and origin of books. Make a book that will be suitable as a memory album, journal, or the perfect place to write your very own poetry and short stories. Workshop size is limited to 20. Beginning Monday, March 3, call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Children's Department desk to register.

Meet the Author: Jack Eadon

Thursday, April 10, at 7 pm



Jack Eadon

Meet author Jack Eadon on Thursday, April 10, at 7 pm. Jack grew up in Morton Grove during the turbulent sixties and has enjoyed a varied and remarkable career in music, advertising, writing and photography. His autobiography, *Got to Make It*, chronicles the evolution of his rock group *Khazad Doom*, and the influence of John Lennon and the Beatles on the group's music and philosophy of life. Jack will also discuss his novels and forthcoming books: *Latent Image, The Charm from Delhi,* and *The Armstrong Solution*. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Calling All Artists!

Entries will be accepted through **Thursday, May 1,** for the Library's 30th Annual Children's Art Contest. Area residents, pre-school through grade 6, may submit original art (any flat medium) on unlined paper. Winning entries will be exhibited in the east stairwell until June 2004. Additional information is available in the Children's Room.

Battle of the Books

The reading competition, Battle of the Books, is in progress for seventh and eighth graders, with teams from several area schools participating. Meets take place at 4 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays; the public is welcome to attend. Check the schedule posted outside the Baxter Room for specific dates.

Joan Gross Retires as Head of Children's Services

In April, Joan Gross will be retiring from the Morton Grove Public Library after thirty years as Head of Children's Services. Children she worked with early in her career now bring their own children to the Library. Recently, a child asked Joan how many books she has read. Joan told him that she has read an average of five books a week since she learned how to read at age 7. Together, they calculated that she has read 14,820 books. "That's impossible!" said the little boy.

"I have enjoyed getting to know so many wonderful people, patrons as well as staff members, through the years," Joan said. Although she won't be working at the Library any more, she plans to frequent the Library and maintain her pace of reading five books per week.

Join us in wishing Joan a rewarding and fulfilling retirement. Beginning April 1, parents and children are invited to add their retirement wishes for Joan to a memory book which will be presented to her at the Open House, April 12.

Stories with Sadarri & Amber

Saturday, March 29, at 2 pm

This multilingual mother-and-daughter storytelling duo brings a unique blend of language, movement and stories to this extraordinary interactive performance. Authentic costumes and hilarious character voices add to the entertainment as Sadarri and Amber tell personal narratives, upbeat stories and fractured fairytales. Beginning Monday, March 3, call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Children's Department to register.

ReadToMe!

Tuesdays at 10 am

Looking for something to do with the little ones? The Children's Dept. sponsors a drop-in storytime for children under age 6 every Tuesday at 10 am. (An adult must accompany the children.) Two grandmothers volunteer their time to read aloud from selected picture and story books in the Children's Room.

Team Up for Good Reading!

Team members are earning points for their sports teams while earning "Dollars" to spend on cool prizes at the *Sports Store*. Check out the scoreboard in the Children's Room for current team rankings. The high scoring team and top readers from other teams will win a **Pizza Party to be held on March 15**. *Read-to-Me* participants are turning in their Book Logs and earning stacking "Playground Pals." Every other Saturday, two names are drawn in a raffle: one reader wins a gift certificate from Barnes & Noble and one ReadToMe! Child may choose a prize from the display case. **The game ends March 8.**

Charlotte's Web

Saturday, March 8, at 2 pm

American Eagle Productions presents an original adaptation of *Charlotte's Web*, a play for the entire family, on Saturday, March 8, at 2 pm. E.B. White's classic tale is about the friendship between a spider named Charlotte and a pig named Wilbur. As Charlotte tries to save Wilbur from being turned into pork chops, we are reminded that the simplest things in life are the most important. Seating is limited; please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Children's Department desk to register.

St. Patrick's Day Craft

Friday, March 14, 10 am to 5 pm

Kids of all ages: drop in to the Children's Room any time on **Friday, March 14, from 10 am to 5 pm,** to make a clever craft for St. Patrick's Day. Stop by the Children's Desk to see a sample of crafts you can make.

CALENDAR

Webster is the Children's Department mascot! Webster appears on the Kids' webrary and in other Library publications.

Children's Classes

Spring session begins the week of March 17 and ends May 8. Enrollment is limited and begins March 1. Priority is given to Morton Grove residents with a valid library card. Non-residents may sign up on a waiting list and will be notified if space is available.

Library Playtime

For 2-Year-Olds & Parents
Thursday 10:30 am
Class limit – 12 children, 12 parents

Pre-School Storytime

Please choose one of the following times for ages 3-Kindergarten (please, no underage siblings):
Wednesday 10 am
Thursday 6:45 pm
Class limit – 30

Stories & Stuff

Grades 1-2
Monday 7 pm
Class limit – 12

Calendar of Special Programs

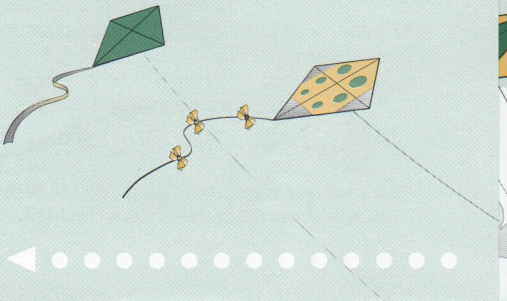
Tuesdays at 10 am – ReadToMe! drop-in storytime

March

3/8	Sat.	2pm	Charlotte's Web: reg. required
3/14	Fri.	10 am-5 pm	St. Patrick's Day Crafts: drop-in
3/23	Sun.	2 pm	Family Film: Rated G, 83 minutes
3/29	Sat.	2pm	*Stories with Sadarri and Amber:* reg. required
3/29	Sat.	3pm	*Basic Bookmaking Workshop*: reg. required

April

4/12	Sat.	2pm	*Chicago Voice Exchange*: reg. required
4/12	Sat.	3 - 5pm	Open House Honoring Joan Gross, Retiring Children's Dept. Head
4/12	Sat.	3pm	Cat Catalani: *A Feast of Songs for All Ages*
4/12	Sat.	4pm	*Chucko the Balloon Guy*
4/26	Sat.	2 pm	Family Film: Rated PG, 100 minutes



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Every Tuesday at 11:30 am: ***Lunchtime Videos***.

March

3/1	Sat.	10 am	*Introduction to Computers: Part 1 of 2*, reg. req.
3/2	Sun.	2 pm	*Famous Chicago Women*
3/6	Thurs.	7 pm	*Heritage Quest Online*, reg. req.
3/8	Sat.	10 am	*Introduction to Computers: Part 2 of 2*, reg. req.
3/9	Sun.	2 pm	*Yiddish & Laughter*
3/12	Wed.	1:30 pm	Low Vision Book discussion of *One for the Money* by Janet Evanovich
3/12	Wed.	7 pm	*Using Microsoft Word 2000*: Part 1 of 2, reg. req.
3/13	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
3/16	Sun.	2 pm	*Morton Grove Park District Community Jazz Band*
3/18	Tues.	11:30 am	*Marimba Magic*
3/19	Wed.	7 pm	*Using Microsoft Word 2000*, Part 2 of 2, reg. req.
3/20	Thurs.	10 am	All Booked Up discussion of *The Hours* by Michael Cunningham
3/20	Thurs.	2 pm & 7 pm	Feature Film, PG-13, 118 min.
3/22	Sat.	10 am	*Making the Most of Mulch*, reg. req.
3/23	Sun.	2 pm	Family Film, G, 83 min.
3/25	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud discussion of *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara* by David Kertzer
3/27	Thurs.	2 pm	Spring Break Film, PG-13, 208 min.

April

4/2	Wed.	7 pm	*Introduction to Excel*: Part 1 of 2, reg. req.
4/3	Thurs.	7 pm	*Small Space Gardens*, reg. req.
4/6	Sun.	2 pm	*Dayna Malow in Concert*
4/9	Wed.	1:30 pm	Low Vision Book discussion of *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen
4/9	Wed.	7 pm	*Introduction to Excel*, Part 2 of 2, reg. req.
4/10	Thurs.	7 pm	Author Jack Eadon
4/10	Thurs.	7:45 pm	Library Board Meeting
4/12	Sat.	2 pm	*Chicago Voice Exchange*, reg. req.
4/12	Sat.	3 pm	Open House for Retiring Children's Dept. Head, Joan Gross
		3 pm	Cat Catalani: *A Feast of Songs for All Ages*
		4 pm	Animal Balloons by Chuck Rothschild
4/17	Thurs.	10 am	All Booked Up discussion of *The True History of the Kelly Gang* by Peter Carey
4/20	Thurs.	2 pm & 7 pm	Feature Film, PG-13, 109 min.
4/22	Tues.	7:30 pm	Thinking Out Loud discussion of *My Antonia* by Willa Cather
4/24	Thurs.	7 pm	*Scope It Out! The Art and Science of Kaleidoscopes*
4/26	Sat.	2 pm	Family Film, PG, 100 min.
4/27	Sun.	2 pm	*About the Holocaust: My Experiences During the War Years*

Check out our complete calendar on the Web at: www.webrary.org/inside/calcurr.html

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Lunchtime Videos

Lunchtime Videos is a weekly program that provides both entertainment and education, plus light refreshments! **Every Tuesday at 11:30 am,** one or two videos are shown in the Baxter Room. Topics range from documentaries to travelogues, biographies to comedians' performances. You can bring your lunch or just join us for sweet treats served with coffee. Once a month, there is a special celebration of holidays, birthdays, or significant events and a feature film is shown.

Marimba Magic with Keith Buerger

Tuesday, March 18, at 11:30 am

Percussionist Keith Buerger

The marimba, derived from early African and South American instruments, is a larger version of the xylophone with a range that extends lower than most melodic percussion instruments. Percussionist Keith Buerger will perform musical selections by Bach, Mozart, Tchaikovsky, and many others in a concert Tuesday, March 18, at 11:30 am. Seating will be available on a first-come, first served basis.

Spring Break Film

***The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring,* PG-13, 208 min.**
This film, directed by Peter Jackson and released in 2001, is the first in a trilogy based on the beloved literary classic by J.R.R.Tolkien. Be sure to see this fantasy adventure as background for the second and third films in the series, *The Two Towers* (recently released) and *The Return of the King,* to be released later this year.

FEATURE FILMS

The Bourne Identity
Thursday, March 20, at 2 and 7 pm, PG-13, 118 min.
Matt Damon stars as Jason Bourne, an amnesiac CIA assassin, who recruits a penniless German traveler (Franka Potente) to help unravel the mystery of Bourne's missing identity. Meanwhile, Bourne's CIA superior has sent assassins to kill Bourne in an attempt to cover up his failed mission. Based on Robert Ludlum's bestseller, the film has a fast-paced, intricate plot from beginning to end.

Sweet Home Alabama
Thursday, April 17, at 2 and 7pm, PG-13, 109 min.
A country girl from Alabama (Reese Witherspoon) has left her husband behind in her quest to become a fashion designer in New York. Before she can marry the son (Patrick Dempsey) of New York's mayor (Candice Bergen), she has to divorce her husband, but discovers that their love is still strong.

FAMILY FILMS

***Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron,* Sunday, March 23, at 2 pm, G, 83 min.**
In this beautifully animated film, a mustang stallion named Spirit runs wild and free in the old West until U.S. Cavalrymen try to tame him. A Lakota brave has also been taken captive and the two escape brutality together. Spirit has many adventures with other animals and with mankind, but wins his freedom in the end.

***Spy Kids II: The Island of Lost Dreams,* Saturday, April 26, at 2:00 pm, PG, 100 min.**
Alexa Vega and Daryl Sabara return to the screen in a bigger and wilder adventure than their first *Spy Kids* film. In this sequel, Carmen and Juni Cortez compete with a rival team of spy kids to solve a mystery on a remote island populated by monsters.

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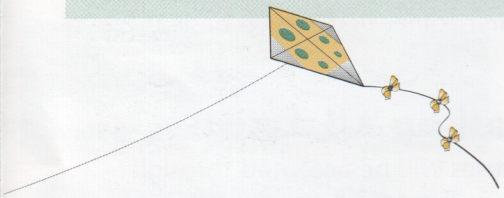
Sunday, April 20 – Easter



Making the Most Out of Mulch

Saturday, March 22, at 10 am

Master Gardener Mary Ellen Murphy from the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service will discuss a practical approach to mulch and its proper application to protect plantings. Join other gardeners Saturday, March 22, at 10 am, for an informative and entertaining program on mulch. Sample some "dirt cake" after the program. Registration is required. Please call 847-965-4220 or stop by the Reference Services Desk.

Small Space Gardens

Thursday, April 3, at 7 pm

How can a gardener make the most of a small garden space? Carolyn Ulrich, editor of *Chicagoland Gardening* and freelance author of numerous gardening articles for *Horticulture, Garden Design*, and *House Beautiful* magazines, will present an illustrated talk on the planning, design, and maintenance of small gardens on Thursday, April 3, at 7 pm. Learn how to use small spaces to your advantage and maximize the impact of your garden.

Attention Teens!

The Library is initiating new services for Teens in 2003. The first services to be developed are special collections of recreational, informational, and educational materials for teens. In the new teen nonfiction collection you'll find poetry, biographies, health, and inspirational books, as well as books to help you with homework.

The second focus is to expand the Graphic Novel collection. Graphic Novels are books that are illustrated much like comic books. Movies adapted from classic characters and stories like Spider-Man, X-Men, and The Incredible Hulk combined with the growing popularity of *anime* have moved comics, graphic novels, and manga into the mainstream. You can find series and stand-alones like *Meridian, Fushigi Yugi, Lone Wolf and Cub, X-Men, Daredevil, A Tale of One Bad Rat*, and *Star Wars* at the Library.

Looking for something fun (and free) to do during spring break? The Teen Advisory Board is sponsoring a showing of *The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Rings* on Thursday, March 27, at 2 pm. There will also be a Tolkien Trivia Contest with fun prizes.

Got some ideas? Join the Teen Advisory Board to help further develop the Library's Teen Collection and help organize and promote programs for Teens. Call Melissa Rice, Young Adult Librarian, at 847-965-4220 for more information.

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